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THE HON. SRI R. RAGHAVA MENON :—" Generally satisfactorily; but sometimes complaints are received and they are being investigated."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Are there any co-operative societies in Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI R. RAGHAVA MENON :—" Not to my knowledge."

SRI N. VENKATACHALAMAJI :—" Is it a fact that the Vizagapatam Co-operative Stores procured paddy 50 per cent from the wholesale merchants? "

THE HON. SRI R. RAGHAVA MENON :—" Notice."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Grant of leave to Hon. Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries.

3 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any rules governing grant of casual, privilege and sick leave to the Hon. Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries;

(*b*) who the authority sanctioning each kind of leave is;

(*c*) whether regular attendance in the office during certain hours is expected of each Hon. Minister and Parliamentary Secretary; and

(*d*) whether the Government will clarify the position of the Hon. Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in regard to application of rules affecting other Public servants?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The service and disciplinary rules apply only to persons who are members of Provincial or All-India Services or hold posts in such services. They do not apply to Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries.

Treatment of cancer in the Presidency.

4 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health and Medicine be pleased to state—

(*a*) the average number of cancer cases treated in the hospitals of the Presidency;

(*b*) what has been the percentage of deaths per 1,000 population of Madras Presidency from cancer during the past 10 years; and whether there has been any appreciable reduction in this percentage owing to earlier diagnosis;

(*c*) whether any research in the treatment of cancer is being carried on specially in regard to the various uses of radium in the treatment of cancer; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that facilities for the treatment of cancer in the mufassal are inadequate and if so, what steps are proposed to improve these facilities?

A.—(*a*) The number of cancer cases treated in the Government General Hospital, Madras, is 601, 653 and 915 during the years 1943, 1944 and 1945, respectively. Similar figures for the whole Province are not available.

(*b*) The information is not available as there has not been a systematic survey of the incidence of cancer in the Province. A Cancer Association has been formed to take effective steps in the matter of the treatment of cancer and other relevant matters.

(*c*) No such research has been possible till now for want of adequate facilities.

(*d*) The Government sanctioned the introduction of cancer treatment centres at five District Headquarters Hospitals at Madura, Coimbatore, Bellary, Guntur and Tanjore, the radium for treatment being supplied weekly from the Barnard Institute of Radiology, Madras. These centres were selected for their geographical position, medical importance and because Radiologist departments were already developed there. The centres functioned from 1938 until 1941 when all radium was transferred from Madras and Vizagapatam to Vellore for safety. Guntur reported in 1939 that very few cancer cases come suitable for radium treatment.

The complete stock of radium has not been brought to Madras from Vellore. The present policy is to develop a main cancer treatment centre at Madras and possibly at Vizagapatam where the question of providing deep X-Ray therapy is under consideration.

Pay of teachers.

5 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been made to Government about certain anomalies, and minor injustices in the working of the scales of pay for school teachers employed under various agencies;

(*b*) whether in connexion with the revision of the scale of salaries a comprehensive revision has been made;

(*c*) whether steps have been taken or proposed to remove such anomalies and minor injustices; and

(*d*) whether he will place a comprehensive and detailed statement on the Table of the House?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) Yes. Certain representations have been received from teachers protesting against the different scales of pay in the different agencies of service. These differences in the pay of teachers have existed all along and they are inherent in the system of having various agencies for the spread of education. The Cabinet Sub-Committee which recently considered the question of the revision of salaries has not gone into the large

questions of policy with reference to agencies of education and other matters on educational re-organization, but they have made only such recommendations as they thought fit in the matter of revision of salaries.

Physical training and education in schools and colleges.

6 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps that are being taken to promote physical training and education in schools and colleges;

(*b*) the amount of Government grants to schools and colleges as also to other voluntary institutions interested in physical welfare in respect of schemes involving capital expenditure; and

(*c*) the amounts that have been promised for expenditure of a recurring nature; and whether a statement will be placed on the Table of the House detailing the steps taken till now to promote physical education as also those proposed to accelerate the progress of physical education?

A.—(*a*) Steps that are being taken to promote physical training and education in schools and colleges—

(1) A Committee has been appointed by Government to revise the syllabus of physical education work in secondary schools.

(2) The question of playgrounds to schools is being examined. Other alternatives are being explored, e.g., play streets, gymnasia, etc.

(3) The development of the foreshore along with Marina road for playground is being considered.

(4) Steps have been taken for training a larger number of physical education teachers, the stipends to candidates raised to Rs. 18 per mensem.

(5) The question of Government conducting a Government College of Physical Education is being examined. The training class for women physical education teachers is now entirely under Government control.

(6) Instructions are issued to the private managements to depute as many secondary grade assistants as possible to undergo physical training in the Y.M.C.A. College of Physical Education, Saidapet, with a view to secure more qualified physical training instructors.

(7) Schools and colleges are being visited by the Regional Inspectors of Physical Education and the Chief Inspector of Physical Education, respectively, and constructive suggestions are offered in respect of physical education to the concerned managements for improving the playgrounds as well as physical instruction.

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(8) The Government are also considering a proposal to appoint District Inspectors of Physical Education and Circle Inspectress of Physical Education to supervise and guide the teachers in the field of physical education.

(*b*) The amount of Government grant to schools and colleges as also to other voluntary institutions interested in physical welfare in respect of schemes involving capital expenditure—

(1) A sum of Rs. 1,380 was sanctioned for payment to the Y.M.C.A. College of Physical Education, Saidapet, as equipment grant towards the purchase of games materials for the year 1945–46.

(2) The Government also alienated to the college free of cost land measuring about 65 acres.

(3) Further a non-recurring grant of Rs. 27,024 has been paid to the institution during 1946–47 on capital works and on these works the college has to be paid a further sum of Rs. 52,151.

(*c*) (i) the amounts that have been promised for expenditure of a recurring nature—

(1) Grant-in-aid is being given to the Y.M.C.A. College of Physical Education according to the Grant-in-Aid Code. The grants paid to the college in previous years are as follows :—

		RS.
1942–43	.. ..	3,307
1943–44	.. ..	3,827
1944–45	... ...	1,853
1945–46	... ...	4,727

The usual recurring grant will be paid to this institution.

(2) Grants are given to Government colleges and Government Secondary and Training Schools towards the games fund as laid down in Financial Code. An amount of Rs. 19,900 (as detailed below) was paid as grant during 1945–46 :—

Amount spent in 1945–46.	RS.
Games grant to Arts Colleges ..	12,477
Queen Mary's College	519
Law College	1,600
Engineering College, Guindy ..	2,241
Do. Coimbatore ..	242
Teachers' College	918
Lady Willingdon Training College ..	368
Secondary School for Boys, Vellore.	138
Training Schools for Masters ..	1,365
	19,868
	or
	19,900

(ii) See information given in the answer to clause (*a*).

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Constitution of University Grants Committee.

7 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have constituted a University Grants Committee and if so, what the personnel and terms of reference to that Committee are;

(*b*) whether this Committee will have any part in the expansion and planned development of the Universities in the Province; and

(*c*) whether the proceedings of the Committee are made available to the public?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

Its personnel are—

(1) The Hon. the Minister for Education—*Chairman.*

Members.

(2) The Hon. Mr. Justice P. V. Rajamannar, Judge, High Court of Judicature, Madras.

(3) Sri A. Kaleswara Rao, M.L.A.

(4) Sri Mamidipudi Venkata Rangaiya.

(5) Rao Bahadur Dr. M. R. Guruswami Mudaliyar.

(6) Sri K. Madhava Menon, M.L.C.

(7) Sri T. R. Venkatarama Sastriar, C.I.E.

The functions of the Committee are—

(1) to examine new schemes proposed by the universities and to advise Government in regard to the allocation of grants to them;

(2) to encourage private benefactions to universities; and

(3) to prevent undesirable competition between the universities and to secure as much uniformity and co-ordination as possible on university policy.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1947–48—*cont.*

* HAMEED SULTAN MARICAIR SAHIB BAHADUR :—11–20 a.m.
"Sir, the Hon. the Premier deserves our congratulations for having been able to present this Budget for 1947–48 himself, to us, with his speech. During the last week of February there was a storm in the ministerialist circles and one was not sure whether the same Captain will continue at the helm to steer the course of the ship of budget in the sea of Finance in our Province. Some of us thought whether the meetings of the Council and the Assembly would have had to be postponed, though for a short while, as it has happened